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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OH, CHOON YUL

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,6-9 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,5,10 and 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Regarding claims 2 and 7, the phrase "may be" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d). It is unclear that the data of a column "may" or "may not" be output from the display RAM at a time during a read operation.

Claim Objections

3. It is noticed to the applicant that claim 5 is a duplicated of claim 4. Therefore, claim 5 must be amended or cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

5. Claims 1, 3, 6-9, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant Admitted Prior Art (pages 1-3 and Fig. 1-3), hereinafter AAPA.

In reference to claim 1, the AAPA discloses in Fig. 2 and organic electro-luminescent display control system comprising: display panel including data lines and scan lines, the data

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lines arrange in a transverse direction, the scan lines arranged in a perpendicular direction to the data lines; driver controller 20 having a display RAM storing data, and the data from the display RAM is vertically read and transmitted to the display panel: the display RAM 23 is configured so that data of 8 lines corresponding to one column write at a time (see page 2, [0009]).

In reference to claims 3, 6, 9, and 12 Fig. 2 shown the line length between the common driver circuit and the scan lines is shorter than that between the segment driver circuit and the data lines as the claimed limitations.

In reference to claims 7-8, the AAPA shown in Fig. 2 that the display panel including a segment terminal connect to the data line and common terminal connect to the scan lines, the common terminal connected to the scan lines and arranged in a perpendicular direction of the data lines; that the driver controller having RAM 23 storing data and outputting the data form the display RAM in the same direction as a longitudinal direction of the scan lines (page 2, [0005]-0010])

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 4,5 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Claims 2 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
non of the cited prior Arts teaches or suggested: An organic EL display control system

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comprising a driver controller having “a page address generating circuit connected to the display RAM through address buses and designating vertically a page address to store the data during a write operation; a data latch circuit connected to the display RAM through data buses so that the data of a column (may be) output from the display RAM at a time during a read operation” (claim 2 and 10); or “wherein the data is image data and the image is turned up by conversely changing a connection order of pins of an input side of the display RAM (claims 4-5 and 11).

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See Form PTO 892.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **DUC Q DINH** whose telephone number is **(703) 306-5412**. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:00.AM-4:00.PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **RICHARD A HJERPE** can be reached on **(703) 305-4709**.

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